

Sabbath evening Sept. 25th 1864

Brother Charles

The Sabbath passes nearly on I have
been reading some but have got tired
and thought I would write thee
a few lines though I have nothing
of importance to write we are
going to have meeting this evening
I it is nearly time for it to commence

well Charley I want to hear very
much how yearely went off I
want thee to be sure and write
and give me all the particulars
Thou makes thy letters to short write
to long letters I know there is plen-
ty that thee might write that

will be very interesting to me
I have not had a letter from
Will Woodward for a long time
I wrote to him several weeks
ago but get no answer Tell
him I want him to write when
you see him. we had a telegraph
dispatch read to us this morning
announcing the defeat of the
Rebels again by Sheridan I hope
he will clean them out there
and then close in on Pitcher
and on this side. we have changed
divisions and got in with strangers
There is a good many Dutch in this
division they are good soldiers

but I prefer white folks to be with
it was cold as whiz last night
but the sun shines very warm today.
I believe father stated in a
letter I received some time ago
that there was gone to Hamilton
Co please write and give me an
account of the Trip &c. I'll quit
now and go to meeting the bond is
pleasing for it to commensal. it is now
nearly dark I have been to meeting our Chaplain
preached a good sermon there was a good many
out to hear him, I have been reading a novel
it is pretty good for the kind of reading
but I dont try to get in the habit of read-
ing novels. we still have a grapevine in
now (as we call reports that are going throu-
gh the camp) that we will go home in
a few days to vote. I for one will put
some dependance on it when I know more
about it. is there any school at Murren
this fall or not if there is what

is the size of the school desk.

Charles I have passed over the period of time which there is now passing and I can look back and see many places that I missed the right path I did not pay enough heed to the advice of an Honored Mother and father I was want to please my own inclinations - guard against such inclinations mind and reverence the kind parents that are still spared us and set a better example for our younger Brothers to follow than I have done and rest assured they will have no cause to regret it in after years and they will be happier for trying to make the path of life more pleasant for our kind parents. I know that there are many temptations for us to overcome but the harder the task the more effort is required and the greater will

be the peals of mind after the
Trials are over, I know but little
of the associations that surround
thee in the way of boys but
dont be lead astray by evil influ-
ences. There was a letter come
to day for Wm Burnett it had
been delayed somewhere it was written
the 31st of 7th month from Hannah
giving the account of Uncle Johns
death and hoping that his (Wms)
life might be spared to return
to her once more but alas it came
to find him gone to that land
from whence no traveller nor returns
it is sad indeed to think how
many mourners there is in our
land. I had to quit writting
last night on the account of
my candle burning out I
will close this morning in short
order for it is to cold to write
Shirley is going to start home this
morning and I will send this
by him.

Thy wellwishing Brother
John H. Mills.

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